

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, after the title, insert:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

The present invention claims priority from Norwegian patent application 20033278 filed 21 July 2003 and is the National Phase application under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of PCT/IB2004/002334.

Page 1, first paragraph:

The present invention relates to a sealing element ~~according to the preamble of claim 1~~, a coupling device provided with such a sealing element and a valve device provided with such a sealing element.

Page 2, second full paragraph:

According to the invention, this object is achieved by a sealing element ~~having the features of claim 1~~. The sealing element according to the invention constitutes a metal seal which is capable of providing a reliable sealing effect even when the interconnecting sealing members are somewhat out of alignment with each other. Furthermore, by having spherical contact surfaces

and corresponding conical contact surfaces, the tolerance requirements of the interconnecting members are relatively low compared to the state-of-the-art systems.

Page 7, second full paragraph:

According to the invention, this object is achieved by a valve device ~~having the features of claim~~  
21. In the inventive coupling device, two valve parts are connected to each other via an  
intermediate sealing element of the above-indicated type. When the two valve parts are pressed  
against each other, the mutually contacting sealing members form metal seals which are capable  
of providing a reliable sealing effect. By having spherical contact surfaces and corresponding  
conical contact surfaces, the tolerance requirements of the two valve parts and the associated  
sealing members are relatively low compared to the state-of-the-art systems.